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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

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SUBJECT: ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS

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1. FURTHER WITHDRAWALS IN THE PAST 48 HOURS OF INDEPENDENT AND SLPP CANDIDATES HAS BOOSTED THE TOTAL OF APC MPS RETURNED UNOPPOSED TO 80 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 85.

2. SECTION 08 OF THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ACT STATES THAT A CANDIDATE CANNOT WITHDRAW LATER THAN 4 PM ON THE TENTH DAY BEFORE THE DATE APPOINTED FOR THE ELECTION. IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT UNLESS THERE ARE WITHDRAWALS IN THE NEXT TWENTY- FOUR HOURS BEYOND THE TWO YET TO BE ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE THREE SEATS CONTESTED UPCOUNTRY ON MAY 11 AND ANOTHER THREE IN FREETOWN ON MAY 15.

3. OF THE MAY 11 CONTESTS THE MOST INTERESTING IS THE ONE IN BO NORTHEAST WHICH PITS AN APC UNKNOWN AGAINST

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M. S. MUSTAPHA, THE SELF- PROCLAIMED NATIONAL LEADER OF THE SLPP. ALTHOUGH A TRADITIONAL SLPP " SAFE- SEAT", THIS IS AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR TO SAY THE LEAST, AND THIS IS NON- NATIVE TURF FOR MUSTAPHA, WHO HAS BEEN A LONG TIME FREETOWN RESIDENT.

EVEN IF HE SHOULD WIN, THE ODDS ARE BETTER THAN EVER THAT MUSTAPHA COULD BE ENTICED TO RALLY TO THE APC WITH THE OFFER OF A KEY MINISTERIAL POST. HE IS 70 YEARS OLD AND THIS OBVIOUSLY IS HIS " LAST HURRAH". THERE IS AN AFFINITY OF AGE AND SHARED EXPERIENNEL AS SHALL BE REQUESTED BY THE EMBASSY. EACH SUCH CONTRACT SHALL PROVIDE THAT SUCH ISS EMPLOYEES SHALL BE SECONDED TO ACS TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AS DIRECTED BY ACS.

B. ISS SHALL CONTRACT TO PAY TO SUCH EMPLOYEES SUCH SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS AS SHALL BE DIRECTED BY THE EMBASSY. SUCH BENEFITS SHALL INCLUDE FICA AND MAY INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO A PRIVATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.

C. ISS AGREES THAT LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF ISS EMPLOYEES REMAINS IN ISS, AND THE EMBASSY AGREES THAT IT SHALL SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS ISS FROM ANY SUCH LIABILITY. IN THE EVENT THAT ANY TAXES ARE IMPOSED UPON ISS BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT OR ISS IS REQUIRED TO WITHHOLD TAXES UNDER ETHIOPIAN LAW, THEN THE EMBASSY SHALL PAY ALL SUCH TAXES FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ISS, AND SHALL SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS ISS FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

D. ISS SHALL PAY ALL UNITED STATES TAXES, INCLUDING FICA, DUE FROM IT AS EMPLOYER WITH RESPECT TO SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION PAID TO EMPLOYEES SECONDED TO ACS/ PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND SHALL FILE ALL TAX AND OTHER RETURNS REQUIRED.

## II. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

UNDER A SEPARATE AGREEMENT ACS HAS AGREED TO ADMINISTER PAYMENTS TO ISS FOR SERVICE UNDER THIS CONTRACT FROM FUNDS PROVIDED TO ACS FROM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SOURCES.

A. ACS/ SHALL PAY TO ISS ALL LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING FEES DIRECTLY ALLOCABLE TO THIS AGREEMENT AND PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER. ISS AGREES TO RESTRICT SUCH FEES TO REASONABLE CHARGES FOR SERVICES ACTUALLY RENDERED.

B. ACS/ SHALL PAY TO ISS ALL INSURANCE AND BANKING COSTS AND CHARGES DIRECTLY ALLOCABLE TO THIS AGREEMENT AND PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER.

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C. ACS/ SHALL PAY TO ISS ALL POSTAGE, CABLE AND TELEPHONE CHARGES DIRECTLY ALLOCABLE UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

D. ACS/ SHALL PAY TO ISS AN ANNUAL FEE OF      TO  
REIMBURSE ISS FOR ITS OVERHEAD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.  
THE AMOUNT OF THIS FEE MAY BE ADJUSTED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE PARTIES AFTER AUDIT HAS SHOWN THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF  
OVERHEAD COSTS. ISS AGREES TO FURNISH ACS/ WITH A COPY  
OF THE AUDITOR- S REPORT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER ITS  
SUBMISSION TO ISS BY THE AUDITOR. THIS FEE WILL BE PAID  
QUARTERLY IN ADVANCE.

E. PAYMENTS DUE ISS FOR WORK ANTICIPATED UNDER SECTION I- B  
OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE TO ISS QUARTERLY  
IN ADVANCE.

F. PAYMENTS DUE ISS FOR EXPENDITURES MADE UNDER SECTION  
II PARAGRAPHS A, B AND C OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE  
BILLED TO ACS/ AS THEY ARE INCURRED AND SHALL BE PROMPTLY  
PAID AFTER SUCH BILLS ARE RECEIVED.

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